

**REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115**

**Formal Matters**

Claims 1-17 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16 are amended solely to correct typographical errors and to avoid multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee.

No new matter has been added.

**Conclusion**

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number RICE-043.

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